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LOWELL POLICE ARREST TWO FOR DISCHARGING FIREARMS

On March 11, 2015, Officer Jose Santiago was on routine traffic patrol in the vicinity of West Third and Bridge Street. At approximately 3:20P.M., he heard what he believed to be several gunshots in the area of West Fourth and Albion Street. Lowell Police immediately converged on the area, and confirmed that several gunshots were fired in this vicinity. Seven 9 millimeter shell casings were recovered on West Fourth Street.

After making this confirmation, officers and detectives began an intense investigation. As a result of this investigation, and cooperation from the community, Niefer Burgos-Ortiz, age 22, of Lowell, was arrested for:

1. Unlawful Possession of a Firearm;
2. Discharging a Firearm Within 500 Feet of a Dwelling; and,
3. Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Additionally, a 16 year old male juvenile, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with Juvenile Delinquency; to wit,

1. Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon; to wit, Handgun;
2. Discharge of a Firearm Within 500 Feet of a Dwelling; and,
3. Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

A .357 caliber handgun, along with numerous rounds of ammunition, was also recovered. This is an active, ongoing investigation. More arrests are expected.

Anyone with information concerning illegal firearms is asked to contact the Lowell Police Department at 978-937-3200. Anonymous information may be forwarded to the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 978-459-8477.

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